**This checklist is for reference only. Please add/delete as appropriate to local need**

**Introduction**

The planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. In recent years, evidence has accumulated that shows how important the physical, social, and economic environment in which we live and work impacts on our health and wellbeing. Planning has a clear and strong influence on these factors and can positively assist in addressing the issues. For example, the location, density and mix of land use; street layout/connectivity; access to public services; fresh food; safety/security; open and green space; affordable housing; air quality; community interaction and transport. Formulating a pre-application checklist assists developers and planners to build health and wellbeing into future developments and seek to address some of the causes that lead to poor health and wellbeing.

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| **Information Item** | **Policy Requirements** | **Applications that requires the information** | **Location (s) where this information is required** | **Information Required** | **Where to find the information** |
| **Promoting Healthier and Active Communities** | NPPF (8) Promoting Healthy Communities | All applications and new developments in the countryside or on the edge of settlements. A3 Restaurants, A4 Drinking Establishments, A5 Hot food take away. |  | Payment towards Outdoor Sport, Equipped Playgrounds, Casual or Informal Space and Allotment. The amount payable will vary depending on the number of residential units and number of bedrooms in each unit. See web page for amount payable | (1) NPPF www.gov.uk (2) Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004  |

National Planning Policy Framework: <https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/6077/2116950.pdf>

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| **General**  | **Developers Response** |
| Taking into account the Health and Wellbeing needs/strategies of the local area e.g. through the Locality Profile (hyperlink below) how will the development:* Enhance the positive aspects of health and wellbeing?
* Mitigate the negative aspects of health and wellbeing?

<http://www.apho.org.uk/default.aspx?RID=49802>* How does the development create an environment that supports people in making healthy choices , and that makes these choices easier
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| **How will the development:** |  |
| **Promote social cohesion and promotion of mental wellbeing** – for example?* Provide opportunities for members of the community who might not otherwise come into contact with each other
* Provide safe and accessible environments
* Plan for the provision and use of shared space and community facilities
* Enhance the sustainability of communities
* Use of public spaces
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| **How will the development:** |  |
| **Promote physically active travel and connectivity**– for example?* How will the development adopt patterns of street layout, permeability, connectivity and urban design quality that support active travel, physical activity and mental wellbeing?
* Contain clear and legible pedestrian routes and high quality public space that encourages active travel as the easiest, safest and most pleasant option for short journeys (walking/cycling)
* General levels of physical activity
* Provide/enhance open space and green infrastructure
* Proposals for play facilities
* Traffic calming and street safety measures
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| **How will the development:** |  |
| **Work in partnership with local stakeholders/communities** – for example?* NHS / social care / local authorities to understand and take account of the health/social status and needs of the local population, including expected future changes and relevant barriers
* Consultation with residents, professionals and people who work locally in the development
* To deliver the social, recreational and cultural facilities and services the community needs
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| **How will the development:** |  |
| **Help to address inequalities and support for marginalised groups** – for example?* Provide control of outlets for unhealthy food and availability of local food outlets that meet local need (if applicable)
* Improve opportunities for local produce e.g. allotments (if applicable)
* Improve access to healthcare, education, leisure facilities (if applicable)
* Improve availability, affordability and quality of housing
* Enhance land, air and water quality
* Access to employment and training
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